



## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### Polymeric Structural Support Membrane

including any amendments referred to below, the specification of which

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           was amended on                     .

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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Provisional Application Number

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Priority Claimed

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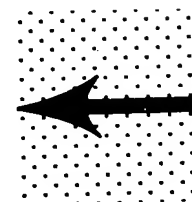
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